

MUSCICAPA MELANOLEUCA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum subtrigonum, utrinque emarginatum,
apice incurvo: *vibrissæ* patentés versus
fauces.

Nares subrotundæ.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 324.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MUSCICAPA NIGRA, dorso albo, femoribus
albo nigroque annulatis, rectricibus albis
apice nigris.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 469.

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Guldenst. nov. comm. Petrop. t. 19. p. 468.

Primus accurate descripsit hanc speciem Dominus
Guldenstadt in Academiæ Petropolitanae Commen-
tariis.

“ Longitudo avis extensæ ab apice rostri ad
caudæ extremum sex pollicum, trium linearum:
capistrum, caput infra usque ad medium collum et
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ad latera usque ad supercilia atrum; sed caput supra et corpus totum niveum, pectore levissime flavescente; basi obtecta pennarum omnium fusca; alæ totæ supra infraque atræ, apicis margine remigum secundariarum obsolete albido; complicatæ ultra mediam caudam procedentes: cauda integra, duos pollices et sex lineas longa; rectrices duodecim, albæ, apice nigræ, eoque magis quo interiores, attamen nec in medio pari nigredo ad medietatem accedit: femora usque ad genu plumosa, fusco et albido annulata; tibiæ decem lineas longæ, atræ-læves; digiti pariter atrî, quarum tres antici, quartus posticus, omnes nigri, medio reliquis subæqualibus aliquantum longiore; ungues incurvi, acuti, nigri, subæquales. In femina ea quæ in mare nigra, fusca; et quæ in mare alba, sordide cinerea sunt. Habitat per æstatem in Georgia campestri ad fluviorum ripas fruticetis obsitas.



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Toes generally divided as far as their origin.

Black FLYCATCHER with white back, thighs annulated with black and white, and tail-feathers tipped with black.

Black-and-white WARBLER.

Lath. Syn. 2. p. 457.

The present species of *Muscicapa* seems to have been first accurately described in the Petersburg Transactions, by Mr. Guldenstadt, who informs us that it measures six inches and three lines from the tip of the bill to the end of the tail: the frontlet and the head beneath, as far as the middle of the neck,

neck, and on each side as far as the eyebrows, is black ; but the upper part of the head, as well as the whole body, is white, with a very slight cast of yellow on the breast ; the covered parts or bases of all the feathers being brown : the whole wings, both above and beneath, are black, the edges of the tips of the secondary feathers whitish : the wings, when closed, reach beyond the middle of the tail, which is entire, and about two inches and six lines in length : the twelve tail-feathers are white : with black tips, that colour increasing gradually on the interior feathers ; but even in the two middle feathers not reaching half way up the tail : the thighs are feathered as far as the knees, and annulated with brown and whitish : the legs are ten lines long, smooth, and black, as are likewise the toes, of which the middlemost is rather longer than the rest ; the claws are curved, black, and of equal length. In the female all the parts which are black in the male are brown, and all the white parts are of a dull ash-colour. It is an inhabitant of Georgia during the summer, frequenting the shrubby banks of rivers.